

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 10 to page 2, line 6 with the following amended paragraph.

A reel-typed tape cartridge used for a magnetic recording and reproducing apparatus is provided with a brake-locking member for preventing a tape reel from being rotated in order to maintain a braked state when the tape cartridge is not used. FIG. 10 is a vertical sectional view of a conventional one-reel typed tape cartridge. A tape cartridge 100 in FIG. 10 is produced so as to prevent the tape from being loosened as follows. A brake-locking member 103 biases a ~~brake-locking member 103~~ teeth portion 103a using a spring 101 in a direction of an arrow A in FIG. 10, in which a teeth portion 103a of the brake-locking member 103a is mated with a teeth portion 104 being connected to an inner surface side of a hub 102a of a tape reel 102, resulting in that rotation of the tape reel 102 is prevented when the tape cartridge is not used, e.g. when the tape cartridge 100 is preserved, and further the rotation of the tape reel 102 owing to unexpected vibration or the like when the tape cartridge 100 is preserved and the loosening of the tape owing the rotation thereof is prevented. Further, when the tape cartridge 100 is used, a brake-releasing plate 105 is pushed up, thereby lifting the brake-locking member 103 upwardly in FIG. 10 against a biasing force using the spring 101, releasing the mating state between the teeth portion 103a and the teeth portion 104, resulting in performing lock-releasing operation.

Please replace the paragraph on page 23, lines 5-13, with the following amended paragraph.

Further, in FIG. 13, it is preferable that a contacting height (projected height of the vertical line h)  $\Delta H$  at an opposing and contacting portion f between the vertical portions 138, 156 is equal to  $\pm 20\%$  or higher than and equal to  $\pm 90\%$  or lower than the entire length  $H_1$  of each of the tooth 136 and the tooth 154. Thereby, the opposing areas can be sufficiently secured at the opposing and contacting portion f. Further, for example, the inclination angle  $\theta$  can be set by 1 to 2 degrees.